



FW

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date:

Date: 8-10-06 Name: Shirley Courey

Signature: Shirley Courey

BRINKS
HOFFER
GILSON
& LIONE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Jean Yves Tredez

Appln. No.: 10/816,029

Filed: April 1, 2004

For: Improvements in or Relating to an Air-Bag Unit Mounted on a Seat

Attorney Docket No: 12400-006

Examiner: T. Webb

Art Unit: 3616

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; PTO-1449; Copies of (6) foreign references.
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ Small Entity.
☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(____).
☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		or	Not a Small Entity	
					Rate	Add'l Fee		Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=	
Indep.		Minus			x 100=			x \$200=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
Total					\$		Total		\$

Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven L. Oberholtzer
Steven L. Oberholtzer (Reg. No. 30,670)

Date

8-10-06

BRINKS
HOFFER
GILSON
& LIONE



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Jean Yves Tredez
Appln. No.: 10/816,029
Filed: April 1, 2004
For: Improvements in or Relating to
an Air-Bag Unit Mounted on a
Seat

Examiner: T. Webb

Art Unit: 3616

Attorney Docket No: 12400-006

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
5,499,840	03/19/1996	Nakano
5,503,428	04/02/1996	Awotwi et al.
5,779,263	07/14/1998	Lane, Jr. et al.
5,803,485	09/08/1998	Acker et al.
6,045,151	04/04/2000	Wu
6,062,593	05/16/2000	Satani et al.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

JP 2000-85515	03-28-2000	Toyota Motor Corp.
JP 2001-114060	04-24-2001	Toyoda Gosei Co. Ltd.
EP 0 818 365 A1	01-14-1998	Mitsubishi Jidosha Kogyo
EP 0 940 299 A1	09-08-1999	Nissan Motor Co. Ltd.
EP 0 826 565 A2	03-04-1998	Autoliv ASP, Inc.
EP 1 433 667 A2	06-30-2004	Takata Corp.

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

8-10-06

Date



Steven L. Oberholtzer (Reg.
No.30,670)



FORM PTO-1449	APPLICATION NO. 10/816,029	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 12400-006
LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	FILING DATE April 1, 2004	GROUP ART UNIT 3616
(use several sheets if necessary)	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR: Jean Yves Tredez	
	EXAMINER NAME: T. Webb	

EXAMINER INITIALS	Cite No.	DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where, Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		5,499,840	03/19/1996	Nakano	
		5,503,428	04/02/1996	Awotwi et al.	
		5,779,263	07/14/1998	Lane, Jr. et al.	
		5,803,485	09/08/1998	Acker et al.	
		6,045,151	04/04/2000	Wu	
		6,062,593	05/16/2000	Satani et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document Country Code, Number - Number-Kind Code (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where, Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T
		JP 2000-85515	03-28-2000	Toyota Motor Corp.		
		JP 2001-114060	04-24-2001	Toyoda Gosei Co. Ltd.		
		EP 0 818 365 A1	01-14-1998	Mitsubishi Jidosha Kogyo		
		EP 0 940 299 A1	09-08-1999	Nissan Motor Co. Ltd.		
		EP 0 826 565 A2	03-04-1998	Autoliv ASP, Inc.		
		EP 1 433 667 A2	06-30-2004	Takata Corp.		

EXAMINER INITIAL	NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS (Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.					T

NOTE: For "T" -- please place an "X" if an English translation is being provided to the Patent Office.

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.